

**R marks/Arguments**

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending. Claims 1 and 3-7 are rejected. Claim 10 is indicated allowable. Claims 8 and 9 are indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowable claims.

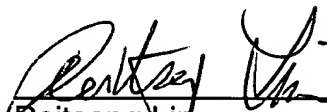
Claims 1 and 6 are amended. Claim 6 is amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 8 and 9 are cancelled.

Since claim 8 is indicated allowable, applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the features recited in claim 8. As such, applicant submits and amended claim 1, and its dependent claims 3-7, are allowable.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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